



April 27, 2015

Reallocation of Funds

We will be offering a reallocation of funds to local agencies in the next couple of months. In the past we have simply provided reallocation across all agencies based on participation, and asked that any agencies that did not need the funds to voluntarily opt out.

As many agencies did not expend all of their funds last year, we are making this reallocation "opt in". Please email [Kate](#) and cc Leah Steinle (lsteinle@mt.gov) with the following information if you would like to have more funding for this current fiscal year:

- Are you able to fully expend all funds currently granted by September 30, 2015? (Yes or No)
- Are you able to utilize more funding by September 30, 2015 if available? (Yes or No)
- If yes, please provide a brief explanation of how these funds will be used and how much you anticipate needing. This is not a grant and does not have to be used for anything specifically (such as infrastructure); however, it does need to be used according to the same guidelines as your regular contract (staffing, educational materials, rent/utilities, training, etc.).

It is unknown at this time exactly how much we will have to reallocate; however, we will do our best to fulfill reasonable requests. Please contact Kate with any questions you may have. Please email these requests no later than May 1, 2015.

Yogurt is Active in SPIRIT!

As many of you know, our new food list starts on July 1st. Two additions to the food list include quarts of yogurt (plain or vanilla only) and whole wheat pasta as an option in the "whole grain" category. Yogurt is active in SPIRIT now with a start date of July 1st and may be substituted for 1 quart of milk (whole yogurt for 1 year olds, lowfat/nonfat for children over 2 and women). Please let [Chris](#) or [Blair](#) know if you have any questions. Remember, the [temporary food list](#) is available to print off until your booklets arrive in the mail.

Notice to Reset Local Reference Data

The benefit template has been updated to remove the "No Potatoes" label from the Fruit and Vegetable benefit. This template will be distributed after 4 pm today (4/27/2015). In order to get this update, all users must Reset Local Reference Data either after 4 pm today or first thing tomorrow morning.

To Reset Local Reference Data:

1. Right-click on your "Blue-W".
2. Select "Reset Local Reference Data".

If you have any questions, please call the WIC Help Desk (1-800-433-4298, opt 1).

WIC Futures Study Group Conference Call

There will be a WFSG conference call this Wednesday, April 29th at 9:00 am. Members will be reviewing and voting on the WIC Funding Formula for FFY 2016. Observers are welcome to call and log in (webex) to listen to the discussion. Please review the [agenda](#), [funding formula](#) and [explanation of formula](#). Use this [Webex link](#) and call in to (866) 910-4857/Password 768324.

Save the Date—Health Professional Breastfeeding Conference

The Missoula Breastfeeding Coalition is sponsoring the Health Professional Breastfeeding Conference to be held 8:00 am to 5:00pm in Missoula on October 26, 2015, at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Kittie Frantz RN, CPNP-PC will be the featured presenter. They plan to have 6.5 IBCLC, CLC RN and WIC (not completed yet) credits available. A block of rooms is available under the Missoula Breastfeeding Coalition. The hotel phone number is 406-721-8550.

Local Agency Section Special Webinar: *Substance Use Prevention Resource for WIC Staff Working with Pregnant and Postpartum Women*

The NWA Local Agency Board is pleased to present at 3 PM Eastern (1 PM Mountain) on Wednesday, May 6, a webinar on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service electronic resource for WIC staff: [Substance Use Prevention: Screening, Education, and Referral Resource Guide for Local WIC Agencies](#). The webinar will provide an overview of this new resource, a guide to help those with substance use prevention activities plan and execute their efforts, and highlight important information and resources for both staff and participants. Submit to Chris the Post – Article, Short Webinar and Teleconference Request for Continuing Education Credit Approval of 1 WIC CEU.

[Register](#) for this webinar today!

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**This week's newsletter will not be published online until Wednesday (4/29/15). Thank you for your understanding. **

